

Dear Sirs/Madams:

I travel to many of the cities that XM radio provides weather & traffic for and I wouldn't think of leaving home without my portable XM radio. When I need to get traffic & weather info in a city away from my home mkt, I don't have time to scan the local radio choices to find the info I need. My XM gives it to me instantly which is one of the principal reasons I purchased the radio. The NAB need not worry about loosing their listeners to XM. I still spend a good deal of time listening to commercial radio talk shows and music. It seems that every time a new technology comes along, the NAB panics needlessly. When TV came in the 40s, the NAB thought it would kill radio. When FM radio became popular in the 70s, again the prediction was that traditional AM was finished. None of these dire predictions came true and all forms of radio are stronger now than ever. Even short wave radios are making a comeback! The NAB needs to worry about keeping the content of their offerings strong and let the consumer decide what they want to listen to. Forcing choices on the consumer will only produce resentment without an increase in their mkt. share.